

COVID crisis grinds on

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – The county is bracing for a potential upsurge in COVID-19 cases following the Labor Day weekend. On Sept. 9, the county announced that a gathering of 50 people in Southern Humboldt two-and-a-half weeks earlier led to 22 new cases.

“Having a party or wedding or any other kind of gathering is a choice that not only impacts you, it impacts your community,” Acting Health Officer Teresa Frankovich said in the press release on it.

In a Sept. 10 media availability video, Frankovich said holidays like Labor Day include activities that can lead to the spread of disease.

“People sometimes are doing more traveling during those times, visiting friends and family outside the area where the exposure risk may be even higher than it is locally or bringing people in to visit who may introduce virus into the community, as well as the gatherings,” she said.

On the post-Labor Day period, she added, “We will be watching over the next two to three weeks to see what happens.”

Asked if she knows of any “superspreader” events that had taken place over the holiday weekend, Frankovich said she doesn’t but “the way these events are often identified is after the fact.”

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Council nods ‘social host’ law

MAD RIVER UNION
ARCATA – At its Sept. 2 meeting, the City Council approved development of a “social host” ordinance. During normal times, such an ordinance would help prevent underage drinking at parties by holding the host accountable for providing those under age 21 access to alcohol.



Chief Brian Ahearn

Frankovich requires facial coverings at indoor spaces per the California Health and Safety code. Police Chief Brian Ahearn cited the “tremendous risk” of coronavirus transmission at densely packed parties. “This is a tool that we certainly can use here in Arcata to hold people accountable for not following the health officer’s order.” An ordinance would make the party host responsible for mass violations via a misdemeanor citation. At the council’s request, Ahearn and the city attorney will develop a draft law modeled after Eureka’s ordinance.

LIFE ON MARS



SEPIA SURREALITY Unmasked Plazagoers made the most of the moment, despite the particulate count and COVID-19 risk as all Humboldt was cloaked in smoke and ash from inland fires. PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION

Conflagrations, smoke compound calamities

Jack Durham
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HUMBOLDT – The eerie orange glow of Wednesday, Sept. 9 added a layer of surreality to 2020, with its COVID-19 pandemic and civil unrest.

As wildfires raged throughout the West Coast, Humboldt awoke to a dark, marmalade sky. At first, it seemed like just a spectacular sunrise, but the orange glow persisted all day long. It was as if dawn arrived and stayed with us until the sun went down.

People described it as eerie and apocalyptic, drawing comparisons to a Mars landscape and the movie *Bladerunner*.

The sky was dark enough that residents had to turn on lights during the day. With less sunshine coming through the smoke, temperatures dropped about from 10 to 15 degrees below normal, according to the National Weather Service in Eureka.



The orangy glow was created by smoke from numerous wildfires including the Elkhorn Fire, which has forced evacuations of Bridgeville and nearby communities in Southern Humboldt. As of early

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NOW AND THEN The crumbling old mill, left, and a simulated view of the new fish farm at the site, above. NORDIC AQUAFARMS IMAGE

Fish farmers advance permit apps, expect approvals

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – A huge indoor fish farm project has submitted a first round of permit applications and its managers are confident that regulators will find its environmental impacts to be minimal.

The Norway-based Nordic Aquafarms company took written questions and presented what its managers described as a “very low risk” project during a Sept. 9 video-conferenced public meeting.

Nordic has advanced discharge permit applications to the state’s water board and Coastal Commission. Humboldt County will take the lead on the project’s California Environmental Quality Act review and coastal development permitting.

David Noyes, the company’s vice president of technology,

upheld the planned facility’s multi-tier water filtration. “They’re so effective that they’re actually able to filter out particles down to the size of bacteria,” he said. “And that’s how we’re able to get such an efficient and effective reduction of all the constituents of the effluent before it leaves the facility.”

The discharge water is also disinfected with a dose of ultraviolet light that is six times higher than what’s considered as a standard, Noyes continued.

“We’re really applying similar treatment levels, meth-

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MikkiMoves into Jacoby's Storehouse

MIKKIMOVES REAL ESTATE

ARCATA — MikkiMoves Real Estate is expanding to a third office, located right in the heart of Arcata. Broker/Owner Joshua Cook and Realtor/Owner Janna Lyon Walsh are leading this new branch, called MikkiMoves J & J Plaza Real Estate. They are excited to continue serving Humboldt County with their real estate goals. MikkiMoves J&J Plaza Real Estate is now on the first floor of the historic Jacoby Storehouse, in the former PastaLuego location.

Both Janna Lyon Walsh and Josh Cook have been top producing agents and leaders in the company. Josh was recently named *North Coast Journal's* Best of Humboldt Realtor of the Year, and brings a steady presence and wide expertise.



Joshua Cook



Janna Lyon Walsh

He's also a boardmember at the Humboldt Association of Realtors. And Janna is a Quality Service Certified Platinum Rated agent with unparalleled determination and customer service.

While MikkiMoves J&J Plaza Real Estate officially launched Sept. 1, they have been collaborating on their dream to run their own branch of MikkiMoves for over a year. "I've always been drawn to the culture of MikkiMoves. It's such a collaborative environment," Janna remarked. "I can't wait to build upon that within J&J Plaza. We want to foster the strengths that each of our agents bring to the table."

MikkiMoves has been a growing business with a goal of providing full-service support to agents since it started in 2012.

WIYOT LIFE Because the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center remains closed to visitors, monthly lectures sponsored by Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) will be delivered via Zoom. Tune in Friday, Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m. for a presentation by Adam Canter of the Wiyot Tribe's Natural Resources Department. Adam, a botanist and GIS expert, will give an historical overview of the Wiyot settlements near Humboldt Bay. His lecture will answer such questions as How was life before 1850? Were there any permanent settlements on what is now the Arcata Marsh? What were their food sources? What was the transportation in the sloughs, and were there sloughs? What was trade like with the inland tribes?

Why don't they fix the #%*% roads? Oh wait

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA — The City of Arcata Building and Engineering Department began work on the Sidewalk and Park Improvements Project on Tuesday, Sept. 15.

The City has contracted with GR Sundberg Inc. for this project, which involves making key infrastructure improvements including the installation of sidewalks, curbs and gutters, asphalt paving repair and park improvements.

Sidewalk improvements will be made on Fifth and Sixth streets, F, G, H and I streets and at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Wilson Street. Park improvements will be made on Foster Avenue at Shay Park and at the Arcata Skate Park, located on Sunset Boulevard.

Work for these projects began Tuesday, Sept. 15 at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Wilson Street. Construction will

take place Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on some days the contractor will extend work hours from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

On days of scheduled work, community members are asked to follow all directions and traffic control devices within the project area.

Due to the work required for these projects, neighborhood residents and community members may experience some on-street parking restrictions. The contractor will notify affected residents in advance if their neighborhood may experience these parking interruptions.

If challenges arise with this project, please contact GR Sundberg Inc. at (707) 825-6565 or the City of Arcata at (707) 825-2174. For more updates on construction progress and project plans, please visit cityofarcata.org.

PARKS AND REC COMMITTEE

Arcata's Parks and Rec Committee meets Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 1 p.m. via Zoom. Observe the meeting at zoom.us. Agenda items include a Carlson Park grant outreach; equipment removal at Bloomfield and Mt. View parks; review and approval of Rotary Park G Street mural design; and committee and staff reports.

ARCATA CITY COUNCIL

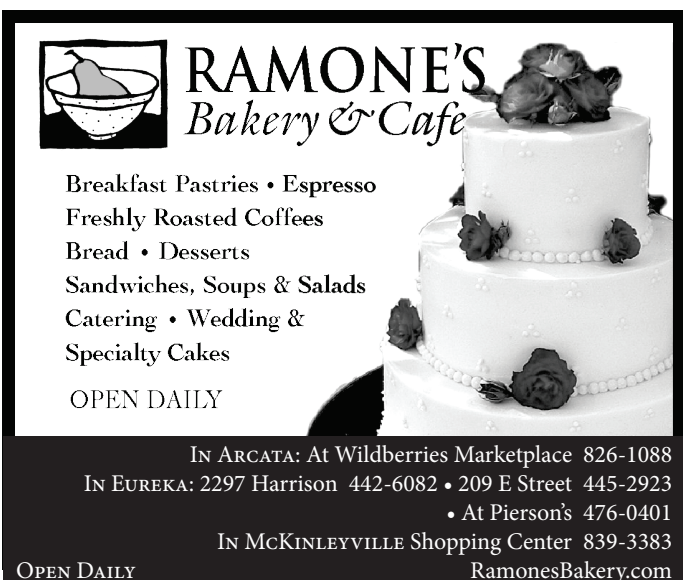
The Arcata City Council meets Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. Observe the meeting on television on Access Humboldt Channel 10, by visiting cityofarcata.org or at the city's YouTube channel. Agenda items include the Consent Calendar; direction to staff on potential changes/enhancements to solid waste and recycling programs; small cell wireless telecommunication facility (5G) regulation; financial forecast of adopted budget; Arcata Police Department's update on Police Reforms;

consider endorsing Measure F: Arcata Fire Protection District Special Tax; review of Compliance Settlement Agreement with Redwood Cur-

tain Brewery; and more.

TRINIDAD PLANNING COMMISSION

The Trinidad Planning Commission meets Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. in Town Hall at 409 Trinity St. View the meeting at webex.com. Agenda items include a water shortage contingency plan discussion; a General Plan update with discussion of updated draft Conservation, Open Space and Recreation Element revised based on Coastal Commission staff comments; and more.



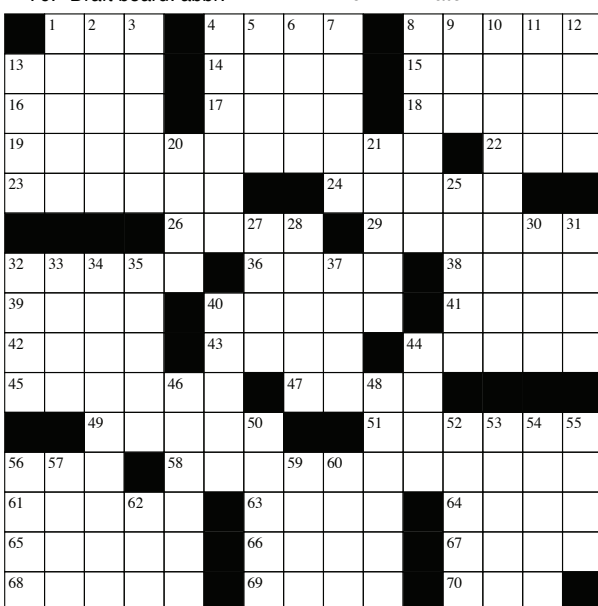
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- Gen. Robert
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- Bacchanals' cry
- Oklahoma tribe
- Thin pancake
- "Why don't we!"
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- Rubber tubes
- "Phooey!"
- Draft board: abbr.

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- Ne'er-do-well
- Leisure
- Waste allowance
- Prepare a beverage
- Actress Claudini
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- Mr. Hemingway
- Road sign
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Dedication, imagination made Arcata Main Street's virtual 2020 Oyster Festival happen

Shoshanna

ARCATA MAIN STREET

ARCATA – June 20 seems like such a long time ago!

I had been originally set to run the Flupsy (which is a bed of baby oysters) Kids Zone at the Arcata Bay Oyster Festival for 2020 as I had done in 2019. As the pandemic loomed we first did away with the idea of Bouncy Houses and were brainstorming. Then, it was thought the event might be postponed. Finally, a creative Virtual Oyster Festival scenario emerged, and I was asked to host the 30-minute Kid Zone timeslot for the event.

Although Zoom was new to me in March I quickly began using it for dance teaching, performances, and productions and I ended up taking a larger role in creating

the Virtual Oyster Festival. I loved the way that the event, created in Zoom and live streamed on the Arcata Main Street website and on Facebook using Stream Guys offered some tastes of the festival many have attended over the years, while offering some special new things.

Beautiful interviews were recorded about Arcata Bay with Wiyot Tribe Chairman Ted Hernandez, with four local oyster farmers, and with local chefs vying for Best Oyster awards. These remain on the AMS YouTube channel for all to enjoy. We had special guests such as Paul Pitino, Talvi Fried, Christina Swingdler and Yavanna Reynolds. We had live music hosted by The Jam such as The Latin Peppers, Esch, Rowdzilla,

City Hippies and James David Calderon (who managed the entertainment). There was a tribute to graduating seniors, the oyster calling contest, and even oysters!

Tri Counties Bank gave space to produce the virtual event and loaned their parking lot for a clever three-day curbside pick-up of oysters, shuckers, local beer, wine and cider, and merchandise (shirts still available!) hosted by Arcata Sunrise Rotary and Hensel's Ace Hardware. Restaurants offered sauce kits and oyster specials and several participated in the Best Oyster Contest.

Judges (Wendy Chan, Bob Doran, Meredith Klein, Jessica Silva and Mike Wilson) traveled by caravan to taste oysters at numerous restaurants. They picked the win-

ners, which were announced live from The Jam.

It was great! Not the same, but it was such a pleasure to be part of. It was fantastic working with event mastermind Ceva Courtemanche and we were all proud to have made *something* happen in 2020.

Later, I embarked on an epic challenge to get plaques celebrating our Best Oyster winners. Not finding current local options for what I was seeking, my Bay Area dance connections led me to Jeffrey Nunes of AWXC who helped figure out the plaques. It took a bit of time, and they fell off a mail truck on the way to Arcata and had to be re-created, but finally they have all been presented to the winning chefs and it feels that

the 2020 Arcata Bay Oyster Festival is complete. Congratulations to Mad River Brewing Company, Sunset Restaurant and Sushi Spot and to all who explored Virtual Oyster Festival.

There are oysters available in the stores now – you can recreate the festival anytime by cooking up some local oysters, grabbing your favorite local beverage, and watching the live stream of the event on Facebook anytime. It's like a time capsule back to June, when I got up early on a sunny morning to write a pandemic-inspired poem, drive to a bank in my ball gown, and help produce a very quiet Oyster Festival.

Thanks for supporting our local community events, whatever form they might take this year.

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Aquafarm | Mill to be demolished

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ods and standards to what you'd expect to see in a drinking water facility, if someone was taking surface water to then give to the general public for consumption," he said.

The land-based facility will consist of six buildings

on the Samoa Peninsula at the site of the former Louisiana-Pacific pulp mill. Noyes said that in full operation, the project's maximum water discharge will be 12.5 million gallons per day.

The mill was a toxic disaster site that's been cleaned up but its legacy also includes something that negates the potential for construction-related controversy – a pre-existing outfall pipe that's 36 inches in diameter and 8,200 feet long.

Marianne Naess, Nordic's commercial director, said the project will actually improve the site's visual aesthetics because it involves demolition of the smokestack and buildings associated with the former pulp mill.

When a question about odor impacts was asked, Edward Cotter, Nordic's senior vice president of projects, said there will be none other than a "faint salt water smell" similar to ocean water.

"We all remember what it smelled like when the pulp mill was operational and nobody wants to head in that direction at all," said Scott Thompson, a Nordic project manager.

Answering questions about earthquake and tsunami risks, Naess said a preliminary tsunami risk evaluation shows that in a 2,500-year event, the site won't be "fully inundated



SITE SCENE A simulated view of the Nordic Aquafarms installation. NORDIC AQUAFARMS IMAGE

to the top level of the tanks so there's no way that water itself will push the fish out of the tanks."

Thompson said construction will account for ground liquefaction in an earthquake and "the intention of the design is that in a worst case scenario, this facility will still be intact."

Asked by Humboldt Baykeeper about use of chemicals to address disease outbreaks, anti-biotics and heavy metals, Noyes emphasized that land-based aquaculture facilities have "the ability to exclude parasites and pathogens" and a fish vaccination program will target "any identified pathogens of concern."

Presence of heavy metals is "the fastest way to kill your fish" so it will be constantly screened through "world class water quality analysis capabilities," he continued.

The company has not had to use anti-biotics or chemical treatments in any of its other facilities, he continued.

Nordic's managers said the \$500 million project will produce 25,000 metric tons of fish per year, create

150 jobs at the facility itself and 250 to 300 jobs during its construction phase.

Nordic has also promised not to raise genetically-modified fish. The type of fish species hasn't been firmly decided yet but Naess said Atlantic salmon is a "better choice" than others.

That's a concern for the fishing industry coastwide, as a cheaper salmon option is believed to have the potential to impact the wild-caught market.

Naess said the intent would actually be to compete against the predominant import market.

Asked about the timeline for a California Department of Fish and Wildlife aquaculture permit that would define species, Naess said an application will be forwarded "as soon as possible" and has been delayed due to COVID-19 considerations.

Permit approvals will be sought in the upcoming year and Naess said demolition and additional site clean-up will take eight months. The project will be built in two phases beginning in the fall of 2022, with its first fish hitting the West Coast market in 2025.

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Local candidates for office pitch their wares via online fora

Watch recorded forums hosted by League of Women Voters and Access Humboldt

HUMBOLDT — The League of Women Voters kicked off their candidate forums on Thursday, Sept. 10, interviewing the four candidates running for the McKinleyville Union School District on Zoom.

Since this nonpartisan organization formed, the League has presented candidate forums for every major election, believing in the importance of giving voters a chance to compare all candidates' responses to the same questions.



Before the pandemic, the league organized forums to live audiences in community settings as well as on KEET-TV with questions phoned in by viewers. But, as with many events and organizations, they had to utilize the now-familiar platform of Zoom to conduct these important forums.

"This election is facing many unforeseen challenges," notes chapter President Deborah Downs. "But we are excited about the new steps we are taking to connect with voters. We hope that our efforts to share these recorded forums will empower voters



IN THE NICK OF TIME The despairing, litter-encrusted bus shelter at Alliance Road and Spear Avenue, above left, drew an exasperated Facebook post by Stephanie Powell Barrel Horses. "This is disgusting and out of control," she observed. That it was, but it wasn't long until alert City Council candidate Mick Matthews swooped in and de-scummified the joint. The unsittable stop was rendered usable, right, at least for a time.



VIA ARCATA COMMUNITY WATCH

throughout Humboldt County to feel more informed in their voting."

While the Zoom forums are not open to the public, each meeting is recorded and uploaded to the

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS/ACCESS HUMBOLDT ONLINE CANDIDATE FORA

- ❖ Tuesday, Sept. 15, Arcata City Council
- ❖ Thursday, Sept. 17, Eureka City Council
- ❖ Tuesday, Sept. 22, McKinleyville Community Services District
- ❖ Thursday, Sept. 24, Humboldt Community Services District
- ❖ Tuesday, Sept. 29, Northern Humboldt High School District
- ❖ Thursday, Oct. 1, Second District Supervisor
- ❖ Tuesday, Oct. 6, Fortuna City Council

Each forum will be recorded and uploaded to the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County YouTube channel the following day

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Community goup s host fora for local town candidates

COMMUNITY GROUPS

HUMBOLDT — Seventeen community groups are joining forces to host three candidate forums featuring candidates running in the Nov. 3, 2020 election for Eureka City Council, Arcata City Council, McKinleyville Community Services District and Humboldt Community Services District (*see details, right*).

The forums will be moderated by Noël August, better known to locals as Tucker Noir from Club Triangle. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, they will be held virtually and broadcast live.

Simultaneous Spanish interpretation will be available via Zoom; anyone desiring Spanish interpretation should contact Centro del Pueblo at cdphumboldt@gmail.com for a Zoom link. The forums will also be recorded and re-aired several times before the election.

Cosponsoring the events are the Humboldt & Del Norte Central Labor Council, North Coast People's Alliance, Cooperation Humboldt, Health Care for All Hum-

COMMUNITY GROUP SPONSORED ONLINE CANDIDATE FORA

- ❖ Friday, Sept. 18, Eureka City Council
- ❖ Thursday, Sept. 25, Arcata City Council
- ❖ Friday, Oct. 2, McKinleyville and Humboldt Community Services District

Each forum will be broadcast live via Access Humboldt, at youtube.com/user.accessshumboldt, on TV channel 11 and on radio station KZZH. Spanish translation available via cdphumboldt@gmail.com

boldt, Physicians for a National Health Program, the Wiyot Tribe, Centro del Pueblo, Northcoast Environmental Center, Move to Amend, Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives, the Eureka Chapter of the NAACP, the Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities, Humboldt County Transition Age Youth Collabo-

orative, Humboldt Area Center for Harm Reduction, College of the Redwoods, Club Triangle, and 350 Humboldt.

The sponsoring organizations will ask questions which are relevant to their missions, giving voters an opportunity to hear how the candidates stand on a variety of issues.

All 31 candidates who have filed papers to run for Eureka City Council, Arcata City Council, McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors, or Humboldt Community Services District Board of Directors have been invited to participate.

"There are a large number of candidates running for these important positions, and information about their platforms is not always readily available to voters," said Colin Fiske, executive director of the Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities. "These forums will be some of the only opportunities for voters to hear from the candidates before Election Day about where they stand on a variety of important social and environmental issues."

Seriously, fireworks at a time like this?

ARCATA POLICE DEPT.

ARCATA — On Tuesday, Sept. 8 at about 11:04 p.m., the Arcata Police Department received numerous calls of aerial fireworks being shot off in the area of L.K. Wood Boulevard and California Avenue.

Officers began checking the area and observed fireworks being shot into the air from a backyard on Pacific Court. APD officers contacted the resident, James Alessandro Saracino, 43, from Arcata, who admitted to lighting off the fireworks.

Eighteen additional illegal fireworks were located and confiscated from the scene. James was cited and released for 12677 of the Health and Safety Code (Possession of Dangerous Fireworks).

The Arcata Police Department would like to remind everybody that the fire danger remains high throughout California and fire resources are spread thin. Please do your part to prevent any additional fires.

The Era of Annoyance cedes to the Age of Aggressive Obnoxiousness

• **Sunday, August 30 3:54 p.m.** A road-rage incident, bicycle edition, made for viral security cam TV as rocks were hurled at a college student and a store window broken at a Uniontown shopping center in what seemed like a good idea at the time.

6:16 p.m. A woman who had been beaten and choked unconscious showed up at the ER, her arms, abdomen and neck covered in bruises.

6:19 p.m. A blood-soaked, drunken man staggered from the hospital toward Janes Road.

6:48 p.m. The coroner paid a call to a Union Street apartment.

8:41 p.m. A man arguing at a Northtown market notified an adversary of a game-changing event: the imminent debut of his knife.

8:59 p.m. Someone on S Street argued with unseen hostile forces, their characteristics cloaked in darkness.

• **Monday, August 31 7:27 a.m.** When a caller from 12th Street told police of a "plastic tote smoldering," fortunately they didn't try to say it three times fast.

9:11 a.m. Simpering slumpabouts inhabited the bus shelter at Alliance Road and Spear Avenue, which was well furnished with queasiness-inducing trash and debris. After the photos were posted online, an enterprising City Council candidate armored up, rose to the challenge and cleansed the disgusto-stop. *See gripping action photos, above.*

12:26 p.m. The Uniontown breezeway/weirdling magnet hosted a chappie bearing some sort of druggie utensil. He was arrested for alcohol empicklement.

12:44 p.m. Civilization having degenerated into rock-throwing as a primary means of communication, a fusillade of stones were artisanally fired at a pickup truck on Spruce Way.

1:23 p.m. There was literally a kitten stuck up a tree on Frederick Avenue.

2:57 p.m. A man whose spirit animal was Frogger acted out his traffic-dodging dreams at Samoa Boulevard and H Street by bodily blocking vehicles, even attempting to punch a car into immobility near the Chinese restaurant.

2:25 p.m. A Northtown parking lot was filled up over the weekend with someone's heinous bulk wastes, including a bed frame, giant chunks of wood and a garbage can bulging with junk.

6:59 p.m. A man in green shirt and pants spouted gibberish and harassed reg'lar folk in the lobby of a Valley West hotel, then wandered off.

7:08 p.m. A man in gray sweats babbled nonsensically and refused to leave the lobby of a Valley West motel, and was spoken with.

10:01 p.m. A backpacker swiped a deck of smokes from a lower J Street mini-mart.

• **Tuesday, September 1 2 a.m.** A man in gray sweats refused to leave a Valley West hotel's parking lot, where he'd shown a keen interest in the contents of vehicles.

7:59 a.m. A man dressed in a military uniform, complete with green fatigues, red scarf and green beret

cover bore a rifle as he marched westbound on Eighth Street.

8:15 a.m. A purple van served as a rough-and-ready community center to a gaggle of randos in the parking of a defunct Valley West medical cannabis clinic.

8:33 a.m. A woman said she was walking her dog at the Marsh when this guy came up and without asking, as one would do out of basic courtesy, tried to feed it, blocking her efforts to edge past him on the path. When she turned around, he came and coughed in her face because it's that kind of year.

11:19 a.m. A Mack Roader got a receipt from a law firm in Virginia for a credit card payment that bore his name and address. The document seemed less than legit though, in that he doesn't have credit cards, isn't missing any money from his bank accounts and doesn't know any bank in Virginia.

8:57 p.m. Someone who'd taken their eye off a shopping cart near the Library noticed some key provisions having been plucked, those being a soda and some whipped cream.

9:53 p.m. "I'm going to beat you if you don't shut up," wailed a raging male to a woman in Beith Court.

• **Wednesday, September 2 11:40 p.m.** A Sunny Brae school caught on video what looked like a male person starting a fire out of clothing and plastic.

8:45 a.m. A two-car campsite on M Street included such refined amenities and a perpetual gener-

ator roar, a spiky smattering of hypodermic needles and the usual trashscaping.

12:38 p.m. On Meadow Creek way, multiple campsites were linked by a robust filament of strewn trash.

1:54 p.m. The dawning of the Age of Jerk-quarius was well into midday when a woman walking on Trail 8 in the Community Forest encountered a man clad in camouflage attire and two backpacks who whipped out a hammer as he walked near her.

3:09 p.m. Little Tex, a small brown and white dog, skittishly allowed only glimpses of his dog-tag at Bayside Road and Crescent Way, then trotted off northbound.

4:08 p.m. A tall, thin, bald man playing a flute disruptively on G Street was briefed on flute-intensive portions of the Arcata Municipal Code.

5:46 p.m. An East 13th Streeter left a door open, and two guitars disappeared.

8:06 p.m. A woman holding her abdomen at Felix Avenue and Martha Court had either been struck by or pushed out of a pickup truck.

6:23 p.m. An angry, angry man in blue plaid pants required inordinate maintenance at a 13th Street store. His argue/loiter frenzy earned him a trespassing warning.

9:27 p.m. A Westwood center supermarket customer called to complain that the store manager had been threatening him by following him around. Meanwhile, the manager could be heard in the background, asking the caller to put on his face mask. The unmasked he-Karen was moved along by police.

• **September 3 8:48 a.m.** Allegedly cut off in traffic by a company vehicle, a motorist mounted a telephone retaliation campaign, calling them every day about it.

9 a.m. Someone complained about harassment from a particularly surly and vindictive online glassblowing group, one of whose members lives in Arcata.

12:13 p.m. A man at the Post Office hyperventilated, drawing excessive oxygen from the atmosphere's ever-diminishing supply as he jibber-jabbered about his glasses. Medical forces were dispatched, but he'd ambled away.

1:46 p.m. The intensifying obnoxiousness theme grew ever burlier with a man in an orange shirt barreling around a Valley West burger stand's parking lot in a gray SUV, honking its horn, blocking cars and yelling at people.

1:47 p.m. Further demonstrating the chronic reverse-wisdom of orange-hued individuals, the SUV driver entered the drive-thru lane and attempted to place an order. Refused burglary goodness on grounds of prior shitheadery, he threatened an employee's life. And away he drove.

2:04 p.m. After a man's car was stolen, he received a text message asking that he meet the suspect in a Uniontown parking lot. There, for a "reward," he could have his car back. He went there at the specified time, but the mystery texter never showed.

2:17 p.m. The flautist's breathy peals pierced more holes in the brainpan of a nearby resident, who implored police for relief.

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Stevie's fit for fun, Colt redefines friendship

Week 26. I hope everyone reading this is safe from the fires. What a scary time this is! I spent last Friday afternoon driving animal care supplies from the County Shelter down to the fairgrounds in Ferndale where Animal Control is setting up for evacuees. Our volunteers are on standby to come care for any dogs, cats or small animals that arrive from the fires. By Saturday morning the only requests had been from some of the folks camping on the fairgrounds that needed pet food for their animals that were with them.

Back at the shelter we are trying to find the balance between allowing the dogs to get some exercise and keeping canines and humans safe from too much smoke. Good thing for the humans that we are already wearing masks!

Two nice young dogs that are available for adoption are Stevie and Colt.

Stevie is an older pup, around eight or nine months. He is a mixed-breed boy. Could be a little shepherd, a little cattle dog; it's hard to say. When Stevie came to the shelter he was missing a fair amount of hair from non-contagious mange and also had an injury to his leg. Poor guy had broken his leg at some point and it had healed in an odd way. Clearly no veterinary care had been involved in that...

Stevie has been in a foster home for about a month while his hair grew back and we tried to decide what would be best for him regarding his

leg. The vets say that it can't be corrected so the choices were keep it or amputate. After a month of beach walks, active play and more, we have decided that he seems to be doing well enough to keep it! His foster describes Stevie as a great dog, playful with other dogs and respectful of her cat.

He loves the beach and the forest and has stayed close when off the leash at those places. She helps him in and out of the car but otherwise he uses his leg for running, digging and playing. Stevie is a nice medium size, about 40 pounds. He is housebroken, neutered, micro-chipped and current on his vaccinations.

He's had lots of fun at his foster home with a big male dog. We look forward to finding him his forever home where he will never have to worry about being neglected again.

Colt came to the shelter after Stevie left for his foster home so the two haven't met. They are both so playful and dog-friendly we know that they would have been good friends had they overlapped! Colt is a tall, slender 2-year-old boy weighing in at about 60 pounds. He is listed as an Anatolian Shepherd mix but as we always say, it is hard to tell exactly what's in that mix. Everyone that meets him comments on how he is such a nice dog! He is always happy to



Colt

make a new human or canine friend. Colt sometimes forgets his manners and jumps with excitement when he meets someone new but quickly corrects himself. He is an eager learner and wants to please. He enjoys playing with the toys in the play yard, especially the rope balls.

Colt is a friendly, good natured, sweet boy who is going to make a wonderful addition to someone's home. He loves to meet and play with other dogs and would make a good second dog for a family. Colt is also neutered, micro-chipped and current on his vaccinations. We assume that he is housebroken but he has not been in a house in

the time we've had with him.

Both Stevie and Colt are available through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter. The shelter is still doing all public interactions by appointment so give a call if you'd like to meet these boys. The shelter can be reached at (707) 840-9132 Monday through Friday.



Stevie

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ELIGIBILITY UPDATE

A change in eligibility may welcome new and former blood donors.

The following permanent or one-year deferrals are now 3 months:

- For men who have sex with another man.
- For those who have exchanged money or drugs for sex.
- After a new tattoo not applied in a state licensed facility.
- After a piercing not applied in a commercial facility.
- For the use of intravenous drugs not prescribed by a doctor.

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COVID | Risks

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Contact tracing reveals origins of cases. "When we begin to get cases and identify where people have been and what they've been doing, that's how we identify a party or gathering or some type of event, and then as the case

numbers build we understand that to be a super spreader event," Frankovich said. "So in our instance, it would be something we'd likely identify after the fact as opposed to, for instance, a very large planned event that we know about well in advance."

Another COVID-19 transmission risk is wildfires

burning near Humboldt. Frankovich advised residents to keep COVID-19 prevention measures in mind if they're hosting evacuees.

"Some people may be sheltering individuals in their home and we appreciate that we take care of each other," said Frankovich in the introduction to the Sept. 10 video. "If there's any way you're able to do that and have people in a separate part of the home or in a separate building, those are the safer options."

September's case count has been stable. In the week leading up to Sept. 11, the county confirmed 38 new COVID-19 cases, bringing the total to 447 as of press time. Five new cases were logged on Sept. 11 along with the county's fifth death.

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Coho habitat upgrade

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION
MCKINLEYVILLE – A proposal to create habitat along the banks of the Mad River for juvenile coho salmon inched forward Sept. 2 when the McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors approved a negative declaration of environmental impact.

The project was approved 3-0 by directors John Corbett, David Couch and Dennis Mayo. Director Mary Burke abstained, as the organization she works for, CalTrout, is helping with the project. Director Shel Barsanti was absent.

The item was scheduled to be approved at the Aug. 5 meeting, but Barsanti said she had concerns how the project would be paid for and wanted to see that information before voting on the matter.

The project is estimated to cost nearly \$2 million. However, most of that is covered by several grants, many of them from CalTrout.

The MCSD's cost is only \$8,000. For the district, this represents an actual savings.

The district had proposed decommissioning its wastewater percolation ponds, which are located on the McKinleyville side of the Mad River roughly across from the Mad River County Park boat ramp. Backfilling and replanting those ponds would have cost more than \$170,000.

But then the district consulted with representatives of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the idea of creating off-stream coho rearing ponds was hatched.

Construction of the project may take place as early as next year. About 4.25 acres of ponds would be re-vegetated and connected to the river with a channel. A paved trail would extend from School Road to a river overlook. There would be benches and a kiosk with rules, interpretative materials and a Wiyot tribal perspective.

A parking lot would be built on School Road near Ocean Drive. This has created concerns for residents on Verwer Drive, a private road at the westerly terminus of School Road.

Several Verwer residents have written letters protesting the parking lot. Directors said the district needs to meet with the Verwer residents and try to address their concerns.

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A change in eligibility may welcome new and former blood donors.

Many deferral periods have been shortened or eliminated:

- For many people who have spent time in Europe.
- For many people who have traveled to malaria-risk areas.
- For tattoos and piercings
- For “risk behaviors”

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Never stop asking serious questions, or calling out pretend ones

Being that it's election season, the time-dishonored tactic of making arguments by "just asking questions" has been popular lately, in the pages of this newspaper as well as the official ballot guide for the Nov. 3 election.

❖ EDITORIAL

Any savvy reader of election guides knows very well that the admonition, "DON'T BE FOOLED!" often precedes foolishness and attempts to hoodwink the voter.

If the person making the argument is warning you against tomfoolery, why, they wouldn't do that very thing, would they?

Of course they would, and do. Often in the form of faux questions that supply their own answers.

The questions range from repeated, misleading and alarmist questions recklessly associating arsenic and dioxin with our drinking water, to purported curiosity about a "\$3,000 to \$5,000" fire station window sign (which cost \$70, but was donated at no cost to Arcata Fire), to ballot arguments that feign honest inquiry over fire department finances while slipping in made-up "alternative facts" as added freight.

Asking questions is the basis of journalism and justice, science and spirituality alike. The curiosity from which questions spring isn't just a sign of intelligence, it's vital to societal survival and evolution.

After all these years, recent experience



with elected decisionmakers has raised questions we wish we'd asked them as candidates. And this season, we'll be posing those hard-learned questions to the candidates.

All that is why abusing the inquiry process by framing arguments as questions for the purpose of sowing fear, uncertainty and doubt (FUD) has to be called out for the contemptible tactic it is.

"Just asking questions (also known as JAQing off) is a way of attempting to make wild accusations acceptable (and hopefully not legally actionable) by framing them as

questions rather than statements," writes *RationalWiki* (*rationalwiki.org*). "It shifts the burden of proof to one's opponent... one can pull out one single odd piece of evidence and force the opponent to explain why the evidence is wrong."

Clever rhetoricians with a weak case can bulk it up by spraying out FUD-filled questions with the aim of poisoning the conversation, neutralizing opposition via death by a thousand cuts.

The explanations require vastly more time and detail to make, may be nuanced and require a much longer attention span

than the simple, sticky-yet-slimy stealth accusation.

Continues *RationalWiki*, "The tactic is closely related to loaded questions or leading questions (which are usually employed when using it), Gish Gallops (when asking a huge number of rapid-fire questions without regard for the answers) and *Argumentum ad nauseam* (when asking the same question over and over in an attempt to overwhelm refutations)."

Answers become irrelevant, as does the weakness or extremity of the questioner's position. "Additionally, this tactic is a way for a crank to escape the burden of proof behind extraordinary claims," observes the website. "In some cases, it also helps hide the nebulousness or absurdity of the questioner's own views." Questioning and skepticism are essential partners. But skepticism is also big pals with plausibility – that which survives the inquiry process.

Mining those nuggets is the whole point of skeptical questioning, especially when you experience the excitement of the findings changing your mind.

"Asking questions is only a good idea if you are willing to accept the answers to those questions, observes *The Logic of Science* (*thelogicofscience.com*). "You should ask questions. You should think critically and evaluate what you are told, but your questions need to be based on known facts, and they need to be good-faith questions that are asked out of an honest curiosity. You must be willing to answer them by actually looking at evidence from reputable sources and accepting facts."

A blight of Measure F falsehoods from a league of extraordinary misleaders

The fire tax debate is about life and death, into which opponents throw dust, smoke & noise

Ideally, a taxpayers league should help inform and educate voters about tax measures so they can make the right choice at the ballot box.

Unfortunately, in Humboldt County, our taxpayer league seems hell bent on misleading taxpayers and spreading false information.

It's hard to say whether the Humboldt County Taxpayers League's president, Uri Driscoll, and its executive director, Kent Sawatzky, are doing so because they are woefully ignorant about the Arcata Fire District, or if they are intentionally trying to deceive the public in an effort to kill Measure F.

If it's the former, they're being reckless and irresponsible. If it's the latter, they are being unethical. Either way, they're coughing falsehoods in our faces, spreading the disease of confusion.

Depressing disinformation

The league's disregard for the truth is spelled out in a tsunami of misinformation included in arguments it submitted to the Humboldt County Elections Office for the upcoming sample ballot.

In their "Rebuttal to the Argument Against Measure F," Arcata Fire District Board President Nicole Johnson and Vice President Randal J. Mendosa summed up the extent of the league's misinformation campaign, stating, "There is not enough room on this page to address the numerous misleading statements and untruths contained in the argument against Measure F. We are saddened the author has not taken time to learn extremely important facts before taking such a negative position on something as important as the safety of our community."

That author they refer to is Driscoll, who signed the "Argument Against Measure F." The "Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor of Measure F" is signed by both Driscoll and Sawatzky.

A blizzard of falsehoods

In his "Argument Against Measure F," Driscoll poses several questions.

Driscoll asks: "Has the Arcata Fire District (AFD) done enough to consolidate services to provide an efficient use of limited resources?"

The answer: Yes. To balance its budget, the district has left eight positions vacant, saving roughly \$1.3 million a year. It has closed one of its three stations on a rotating basis. It has deferred maintenance on some vehicles.

The district even canceled trash service at the Mad River Station, so now the chief picks up the trash, puts it in his truck and delivers it to the McKinleyville Station, resulting in a savings of \$58 a month.

Sometimes, when it comes to minor station repairs, firefighters dip into their own wallets to buy supplies. That's unacceptable.

Look in the mirror

Driscoll continues: "Why is AFD demanding a special tax during these uncertain economic times?"

Answer: Because the Humboldt County Taxpayers League helped defeat a similar tax measure that was placed on the March ballot before the shelter-in-place orders and financial calamity. Besides, the current economic situation wasn't the fire department's doing, and doesn't diminish the district's financial needs.

If you have a medical emergency, your survival could depend on whether your local fire station is open or not.

Driscoll continues: "Whether the measure passes or not will not significantly affect ISO ratings."

Actually, if Measure F fails, AFD will likely consolidate into a single station, meaning response times will significantly increase, putting billions of dollars of assets at risk.

Fires will be bigger, more buildings will be destroyed and more lives will be lost.

What's more important that our ISO rating is our actual risk from fire and the destruction it causes, which will undoubtedly increase with slower response times, costing the community millions of dollars.

And lives will be lost due to the delays. According to a local first-aid instructor, when someone is having a cardiac arrest, successful defibrillation depends upon how quickly the defibrillation occurs.

For each minute in cardiac arrest, the chance of survival goes down 10 percent. After about 10 minutes, survival is unlikely.

If you have a medical emergen-

cy, it's possible that your survival will depend up whether your local fire station is open or not.

Number fumble

Driscoll continues: "95% of the AFD calls are medical assistance and do not require a full engine company response. The current policy can change."

In yet another misinformed statement, Driscoll gets the percentage of calls for medical assistance wrong. The correct number is 46 percent. As for responding to medical calls without a full engine, this was

the practice back when the district had three open stations before the league helped shoot down the tax measure in March.

Instead of rolling to a scene with a full fire engine, AFD would respond to EMS calls with a pickup truck from either the McKinleyville or Downtown Arcata Station. This was possible because there was a centrally located fire engine and crew ready to respond to fire calls from the Mad River Station.

But with only two stations open, this is no longer safe or practical. If firefighters were at a medical aid call with a pickup truck, and a fire call came in, they would need to drive back to the fire station to get a fire engine before responding.

This would significantly delay the response to a fire. Because of this, firefighters need to roll to EMS calls with an engine.

Driscoll continues: "Why does there appear to no longer be a deficit in AFD's ledger? Just last year the failed Measure R campaign told us there was a \$250,000 deficit hence the need for more taxes."

If Driscoll had been paying buildings, he would have known that after the failure of Measure R in March, the district made budget cuts. It left eight positions unfilled and closed a station on a rotating basis.

Just asking questions

Driscoll's questions, however, are not intended to solicit answers. They're meant to create doubt and suggest that something is amiss, something fishy is going on, something is not right. What he's doing is called JAQing (just asking questions.)

This allows Driscoll to make wild accusations without having to take responsibility for his allegations. Hey, he's just asking questions, right?



It's insulting and disrespectful to anyone trying to make a responsible decision about committing to a new tax.

The district has been transparent in its process of developing and approving budgets. The AFD Board of Directors holds meetings open to the public.

Driscoll continues: "This measure as stated misrepresents [sic] the actual tax. The stated total annual tax is simply not accurate. Make no mistake, this measure is an ADDITIONAL fire tax. It would NOT replace the existing fire tax."

It's not clear what Driscoll means by this, but his point is not to help educate voters or come to a better understanding of what the measure would accomplish.

Once again, his goal is to sow doubt.

The Humboldt Taxpayers League if recommending a tax alternative that's not even legal.

In the league's "Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor of Measure F," Driscoll and Sawatzky write "The AFD chose to punish and play Russian roulette with the McKinleyville fire station when it could have closed the Mad River station or rotated the two Arcata Stations."

Had Driscoll and Sawatzky attended to the AFD board meetings, they would know that deciding which stations to close due to the failure of Measure R was an agonizing process.

The board, with the input of career firefighters, decided that the fairest way to close stations is on a rotating basis. This results in all constituents being treated fairly, no matter where they live.

Lying about ACTUALLY lying

Driscoll and Sawatzky continue: "AFD misrepresented the total annual charge for a Single family residence as \$118. ACTUALLY, it would be \$206 per residence. A mobile home assessment as stated is \$90 when ACTUALLY it would be \$171."

Once again, this is a false allegation from the league. If Measure F passes, it will replace a special tax approved in 1997. A typical single family home would be assessed \$118 a year, which is an increase of \$98.

Residents within the district also pay a benefit assessment, which is separate from Measure F.

The league is playing games here and sowing doubt by adding the benefit assessment to the Measure F figures, and then suggesting there is some sort of sleight of hand by the district.

Illegal, untrustworthy

Driscoll and Sawatzky continue: "If you live in Eureka the fire assessment for a residence or mobile home is \$0. AFD could instead have a sales tax such as in Eureka where those who can afford can pay and those on Social Security pay next to nothing."

Once again, this is false. The average single-family home in the Humboldt Bay Fire District pays a benefit assessment totaling \$72 a year, not zero.

Humboldt Bay Fire is also connected to the City of Eureka, which funds a significant part of its budget. And the reason the AFD is not pursuing a sales tax is because special districts are not allowed to collect sales tax. The league's suggestion isn't even a legal alternative.

The Humboldt Taxpayers League is using sample ballots, printed and mailed by the Humboldt County Elections Office, to shower voters with patently false information about Measure F. The league is recommending a tax alternative that's not even legal.

What's your name?

The league shouldn't even be trusted to tie its own shoelaces, being that it can't even figure out its own name.

In a form that the nonprofit filed with the California Secretary of State in 2019, the group identifies itself as "The Humboldt Taxpayer's League." On its website, the group goes by "Humboldt County Taxpayers League." But when submitting ballot arguments, the group identifies itself as "Humboldt County Taxpayer League," dropping the "s" after taxpayer.

These guys are sloppy, and so is their thinking.

Incompetent advisors

The group's Measure F recommendations ought to be thoroughly ignored by voters. The league needs to get its act together and behave like a responsible organization, starting with a change of leadership.

Reasonable people can disagree on a tax measure. Debate is essential to the electoral process.

But if their position is defensible, they should be able to forego deceptive tactics and stick to facts, rather than fiction and fear, in doing so.

SCENE



LOCAL ART Arcata Artisans Gallery presents new paintings and photographs by featured artist members Vaughn Hutchins (right) and Joyce Jon-te'(above) through Oct. 4. This cooperative gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday at 883 H St. on the Arcata Plaza. Hutchins continues to work in time honored techniques, including platinum/palladium prints. Arcata Artisans Gallery can be reached (707) 825-9133 and arcataartisans.com.
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Acting classes return to The SPACE

Visitors to Sunny Brae Center may have noticed The SPACE and wondered just what it is. The Sunny Brae Performing Arts Center for Education was opened by Humboldt Light Opera Company in 2015.

It serves as a rehearsal space for their productions, storage for props and costumes, and has classrooms where a variety of performing arts classes for all ages are offered.

After an extended closure due to coronavirus, HLOC is excited to announce that classes in musical theatre are scheduled to resume at The SPACE on Tuesday, Sept. 22. Under new safety protocols, they are allowed to have eight students for in-person classes in acting and movement. Another small step toward normalcy!

But it takes a lot of work. HLOC has made many changes to prepare for a safe opening, including changing floors and furnishings to make them easily cleanable, running strong air purifiers 24/7, undertaking lots

of staff training, and developing new curricula that will be effective while maintaining social distancing and mask usage.

A variety of classes are planned for ages 3-18. Some classes will continue to offer Zoom sessions or hybrid formats.

For full information about the HLO KidCo Program and other pertinent information, check out hloc.org.

Next door, the Companion Animal Foundation Thrift Store is still planning to close at the end of the month. Be sure to stop by for some bargains!

And don't forget about the Bayside Fall Makers Fair coming up next Sunday Sept 20.

More than 50 local artists will show their work at three outdoor locations in Bayside. To ensure social distancing, a limited number of visitors will be admitted to each site every half hour.

To avoid waiting in line, reserve a free entry ticket by visiting

BAYSIDE CORNERS
Carolyn Jones



KIDCO Humboldt Light Opera's KidCo troupe rehearses for its 2019 revue.

PHOTO COURTESY CAROL RYDER

communityhall.org. Two of the locations include fantastic flower filled gardens, along with trails to visit Jacoby Creek.

Enjoy a nice day outside and support local artists. Questions or need help, email baysidecommunityhall@gmail.com or call/text (707) 599-3192.

Coastal Festival is now virtual; council discusses trail connections

The Dispersed Trinidad Coastal Festival planned for Saturday, Sept. 26 and featured in last week's column, has been changed to a virtual event which visitors can enjoy on the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust Facebook page.

The Trinidad Coastal Land Trust together with its multiple partners in the California Coastal National Monument Gateway group is dedicated to educating the community about the biological and geological importance, mystery and beauty of CCNM's 20,000 offshore rocks and to demonstrating how multiple agencies, non-profits and businesses can work together to provide an enriching recreational experience and responsible enjoyment of the coast.

The virtual festival will start at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26 and will include remarks by TCLT Director Carol Vander Meer, California Coastal National Monument-Bureau of Land Management interpretive specialist Leisyka Parrott and Michelle Forsys, California State Parks biologist.

There will be a Seabird Protection Network presenta-

tion at 9:30 a.m. followed by a pre-recorded video about the Trinidad Head Lighthouse, the Memorial Lighthouse and Fog Bell and Trinidad Museum.

A live kayak tour (reservations required) will take place at 11 a.m. and at 12:30 p.m. a mini Remote Operational Vehicle (ROV) Underwater Exploration is planned.

Trinidad Rancheria's Trinidad Pier will be open for physically distanced kids' fishing at 1 p.m., however, parents should check the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust web site or call (707) 677-2501 for last minute information on pier fishing and for the latest information on the day's plans.

Council meeting dominated by trail talk

Trinidad trail connectivity and the Van Wycke Trail "scope change" dominated the Sept. 8 virtual Webex City Council meeting.

Design for the trails is not yet determined but there are a wide variety of community opinions on improving trails with regard to accessibility, erosion, utility maintenance, the retaining wall, storm drains, construction materials, width, appearance and cultural resources.

City professional engineering consultant Steve Allen

and City Planner Trever Parker described possibilities and processes while Mayor Steve Ladwig and councilmembers Jack West, Tom Davies, Dave Grover and Richard Clompus asked questions and listened to audience remarks.

City Manager Eli Naffah and City Clerk Gabe Adams gave reports on their very busy days and innumerable responsibilities. The slurry seal improvements to Parker, Edwards, Hector, Galindo and Van Wycke streets were completed in August.

The sales tax extension will be on the Nov. 3 ballot. A Public Works Department Maintenance Operator Position is needed. A short term rental (STR) committee volunteer position is still available.

Among the audience members participating by telephone in the virtual meeting were Grant Administrator Becky Price Hall, City Planners Cheryl Kelly and Richard Johnson, Richard Bruce, Meg Stofsky, Dan Sealy, Ted Pease, Jacques Beaupre, Trinidad Rancheria representatives Jacque Hostler Carmesin and Shirley Laos, Tsurai Ancestral Society representative Sarah Lindgren Akana, Fifth District Supervisor Steve Madrone and Trinidad Coastal Land Trust Director Carol Vander Meer.

A few other people phoned into the meeting from time to time. Make sure you are on the City Clerk's email list for all city meeting notifications by emailing cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov.

Weather and resilience

Visitors to Trinidad have been trying to escape coronavirus shutdowns and inland heat all summer.

The public beaches and parks have never been so popular. The fresh coastal air is the envy of the world.

Then came the wild fires all over California and Oregon. The Humboldt County sky turned orange with smoke and ash and advisories to stay inside were given.

A friend in Utah said power was out and there was a blizzard. The southeast is steadying itself for more hurricanes.

We humans are resilient and resourceful. All challenges can be met with grace, good humor and strength. The best stories in the world today are the ones about people propping up other people. There are many of them.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.



TRINIDAD TIDINGS
Patti Fleschner



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
20-00424
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
TRINIDAD SKIN CARE
460 1/2 MAIN ST.
TRINIDAD, CA 95570
P.O. BOX 74
TRINIDAD, CA 95570
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
KATHERINE T. PERRY
1765 LUNSFORD AVE.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY:
AN INDIVIDUAL
S/KATHERINE PERRY
OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on AUG. 26 2020
KELLY E. SANDERS
SC, DEPUTY CLERK

9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
20-00431
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
LAZY J TRAILER RANCH
3824 JACOBS AVENUE
EUREKA, CA 95501
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
3308 EL CAMINO AVENUE,
#300 RM 608
SACRAMENTO, CA 95821
EUREKA ARCAT
MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITY LLC
CA 200933510212
3308 EL CAMINO AVENUE,
#300 RM 608
SACRAMENTO, CA 95821
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY:
A LIMITED LIABILITY COM-

PANY
S/JOHN MCDUGALL
MANAGER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on AUG. 27 2020
KELLY E. SANDERS
SC, DEPUTY CLERK
9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
20-00434
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ARTISANAL REDWOOD SLABS
295 MCADAMS ROAD
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
MAXMIX LLC

CA 201713910212
295 MCADAMS ROAD
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY:
A LIMITED LIABILITY COM-PANY
S/DIANA CLAIRE MCADAMS
PRESIDENT, MAXMIX LLC
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on AUG. 28 2020
KELLY E. SANDERS
KT, DEPUTY CLERK
9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
20-00405
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
BULLDOG RENTALS
300 CHARTIN RD.

BLUE LAKE, CA 95525
P.O. BOX 654
BLUE LAKE, CA 95525
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
ALMA L. RASMUSSEN
300 CHARTIN RD.
BLUE LAKE, CA 95525
JOSHUA G. RASMUSSEN
300 CHARTIN RD.
BLUE LAKE, CA 95525
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY:
A MARRIED COUPLE
S/ALMA RASMUSSEN
OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on AUG. 12, 2020
KELLY E. SANDERS
SC DEPUTY CLERK
8/26, 9/2, 9/9, 9/16
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

FOR CHANGE OF NAME
WADE F. SMITH
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV20000878
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name: **WADE FARRELL DICKERSON** to Proposed name: **WADE FERRELL SMITH**;
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court,

located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: OCT. 16, 2020

Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 4
For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>.
3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: SEPT. 1, 2020
KELLY L. NEEL
Judge of the Superior Court
916, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00403
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
WILD JASMINE CREATIONS 1057 COACH WAY MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT ERIC S. CHRISTIAN 1057 COACH WAY MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY:
AN INDIVIDUAL
SERIC CHRISTIAN PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on AUG. 11, 2020
KELLY E. SANDERS
SCDEPUTY CLERK
9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00414
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THE ON TIME TRANSPORT 1300 FOSTER AVE. APT. L ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT KAI OTIS 1300 FOSTER AVE. APT. L ARCATA, CA 95521
KATIE NALLY 1300 FOSTER AVE. APT. L ARCATA, CA 95521
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY:
A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP
S/KAI OTIS OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on AUG. 18, 2020
KELLY E. SANDERS
KT DEPUTY CLERK
8/26, 9/2, 9/9, 9/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00407
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
OL RUSTYS 39116 HWY 299 WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573
P.O. BOX 1635 WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT DONALD S. SNYDER 925 HICKORY ST. RED BLUFF, CA 96080
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY:
AN INDIVIDUAL
S/DONALD SNYDER OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on AUG. 13, 2020
KELLY E. SANDERS
SC DEPUTY CLERK
8/26, 9/2, 9/9, 9/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00381
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THE PARLOUR 1936 CENTRAL AVE. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
1655 GRANGE ROAD # C MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT SHANAE A. GENTLEMAN 1655 GRANGE ROAD # C MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY:
AN INDIVIDUAL
S/SHANAE GENTLEMAN OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JULY 30, 2020
KELLY E. SANDERS
SC DEPUTY CLERK
8/26, 9/2, 9/9, 9/16

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER (Número del Caso): DR190604
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): MARK A CONDES
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.
There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a non-profit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.
¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.
Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.
Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.
The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501-1153
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): REESE LAW GROUP, APLC, Mark Marquez, Esq. (Bar #326029), 3168 Lion-shead Avenue, Carlsbad, CA 92010; 760/842-5850 (File No. 561783)
DATE (Fecha): JUL 22 2019
KIM M BARTLESON, Clerk (Secretario), by Morgan P., Deputy (Adjunto) (SEAL)
NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served 1. as an individual defendant. 9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23/20 CNS-3392348# MAD RIVER UNION 9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
LEENA DENYSE AP-LEGET SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV2000827 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name: **LEENA DENYSE APPEGET**
To proposed name: **LEENA RAE NARAYANA;**
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition

without a hearing.
Date: OCT. 9, 2020
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 4
For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>.
3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: AUG. 18, 2020
M.L. CARTER
Judge of the Superior Court
9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF THOMAS H. EARLY CASE NO.: PR2000197
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
THOMAS H. EARLY, THOMAS HOWARD EARLY, THOMAS EARLY
Petition for Probate has been filed by: MARGARET PATAKI in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.
The Petition for Probate requests that: MARGARET PATAKI be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: SEPT. 24, 2020
Time: 2:00 PM
Dept.: 6
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.
COURT MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. Please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/> FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ONLINE VIDEO HEARING.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for the petitioner: TIMOTHY J. WYKLE MATHEWS, KLUCK, WALSH, WYKLE & LATT, LLP
100 M STREET

EUREKA, CA 95501
(707) 442-3758
9/9.. 9/16, 9/23

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act (Bus. Prop. Code Ss 21700-21716). The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 24th day of September, 2020 at 10 a.m. on the premises where said property has been stored and which is currently located at Arcata Bay Self Storage, 250 E Street Arcata, CA. Most storage units contain miscellaneous personal property, clothing, furnishings and household goods. In addition, the following units contain:
Danielle Gallaty – Air Compressor, Tools, Industrial Refrigerator, Bed, Boxes, Totes, Chainsaw
Lynn Buchman – Chair, Boxes, Totes, Filing Cabinet, Bags, Luggage
Ashley Bartlett – Fake Xmas Tree, Couch, Bed, Kids Toys
Sylvia Johnson – Luggage, Boxes, Bikes, Furniture, Bags
Jacob Estter – Bike, Bedding, Boxes, Totes, Fan
The Auctioneer will be Kerry Rasmussen, Bond #7900364465, phone #707-822-0331. Purchases must be paid for at the time of the sale in cash only. All purchased items sold “as is” and must be removed at the time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the settlement between owner and obligated party, auctioneer, and Arcata Bay Self Storage.
9/16, 9/23

City of Arcata Engineering Department 736 “F” Street Arcata, CA (707) 825-2128 NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FOR 2020 MANHOLE REHABILITATION PROJECT Engineer’s Estimate \$150,000

The City of Arcata is soliciting bids for the 2020 MANHOLE REHABILITATION PROJECT
The WORK consisting of furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, incidentals and performing all work required to rehabilitate sanitary sewer manholes, digging and replacing 6” sewer mains and installing sewer laterals.
A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 11:00 am. Attendance at the pre-bid meeting is not mandatory. The meeting will be held at Arcata City Hall in the City Council Chambers (736 “F” Street, Arcata, CA 95521). Attendees must wear face coverings over their noses and mouths and practice social distancing while inside City Hall.
Sealed bids will be received by the City Manager’s Office, 736 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521 until the hour of 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2020, at which time they will be transferred to the Arcata City Council Chambers where they will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City Engineer or his designated representative. Said bids will be referred to the Arcata City Council for consideration at their next meeting on or after October 7, 2020.
Bids received after the specified opening time will not be considered. The bidder is solely responsible for the timely delivery of the bid.
CONTRACTOR shall possess a Class “A” license at the time this contract is bid or a combination of classes required by the categories and type of work included in this contract.
PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND PROPOS-

AL forms for bidding this PROJECT will be available after September 16, 2020;
• For download from City Website www.cityofarcata.org under “Bids”.
• For purchase at City Manager’s Office, 736 “F” Street, Arcata, CA 95521. A printing charge of \$40.00 shall not be refundable, plus a shipping and handling fee of \$35.00 for mailing of PLANS and SPECIFICATIONS. Checks payable to the City of Arcata and shall be mailed or delivered in person to the Contracts and Special Projects Manager.
• For viewing at City Manager’s Office, 736 “F” Street, Arcata, CA 95521 and at the Humboldt Builder’s Exchange, 1213 5th Street, Eureka, CA 95501.
This CONTRACT is subject to State contract non-discrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.
The successful bidder shall furnish a payment bond and performance bond.
The City of Arcata hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.
The above PROJECT is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. Each contractor or subcontractor listed on the bid proposal must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. [with limited exceptions for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1 (a)].
Pursuant to Section 1733 of the Labor Code, the Director of California Department of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages. Bidders should contact the Department of Industrial Relations at (415) 703-4281, or <https://www.dir.ca.gov> for General Prevailing Wage Rates on specific job classifications. Future effective wage rates, which have been predetermined, are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations. Bidders are advised that if they intend to use a craft or classification not on file in the general wage determinations, they may be required to pay the wage rate of that craft of classification most closely related to it as shown in the general determinations.
The above PROJECT is subject to uniform construction cost accounting procedures as set forth in the California Public Contracts Code, Section 22000 et seq., the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act.
All bidders shall be licensed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
The City of Arcata reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Danielle Allred, Contracts and Special Projects Manager (707) 825-2101 dallred@cityofarcata.org
September 11, 2020
9/16, 9/23

Legal Notice ORDINANCE 2020-02; AMENDING THE TOURIST OCCUPANCY TAX CHAPTER, SECTION 3.20.100 OF THE TRINIDAD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING RECORD KEEPING.
The Trinidad City Council will consider the first reading of Ordinance 2020-02 at a regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020.
Summary of Ordinance 2020-01
Ordinance 2020-02 expands Section 3.20.100 of the Trinidad Municipal Code regarding record-keeping of Occupancy

Taxes collected by lodging houses within City limits. It expands on the City’s right to inspect collection records held by operators, gives the City discretion as to who may perform the audit, and defines the purpose, expectation, frequency, and reasons for requesting an audit.
The full text of Ordinance 2020-02 is available for public inspection at the Trinidad Town Hall, City Clerk’s office, 409 Trinity Street, Trinidad, CA, Monday through Friday between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. It is also available electronically via www.trinidad.ca.gov. Ordinance 2020-01 will take effect 31 days following adoption.
Gabriel Adams
Trinidad City Clerk
707-677-0223
9/15

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Wetland
To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals:
This is to give notice that the City of Arcata has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Orders 11988 and 11990, and as implemented by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban (HUD) Regulations found at 24 CFR 55.20, to determine the potential effect that its activity in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment, for the proposed Arcata Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrades Project under contract number 17-CDBG-12017. HUD has allocated Community Development Block Grant funds for the acquisition and installation of UV equipment, which would be dispersed through the City of Arcata as the Responsible Entity for the proposed project; therefore, the City of Arcata is the Lead Agency for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review
There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.
The Proposed Project will rehabilitate the City’s existing wastewater treatment facility located at 601 G Street in Arcata, Humboldt County, California. Arcata’s Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility) is located within the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, and utilizes innovative treatment methods using treatment ponds within the marsh area. The City of Arcata is proposing to replace a portion of existing Facility infrastructure and upgrade several components as part of the Arcata Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement Project. The work includes installation of buried pipe for the flow reconfiguration of disinfected enhancement wetlands effluent, installing a discharge pipe into a constructed brackish marsh at the north end of the Arcata Bay section of Humboldt Bay (future outfall discharge point), relocation of the electrical equipment building in the Facility to allow for improved road access for fire and emergency services (requiring installation of a new utility service line), installing a new ultraviolet light disinfection system, and constructing a mitigation wetland area. For a full description of proposed activities, visit the City’s Facility Upgrades page at: <https://www.cityofarcata.org/856/Wastewater-Treatment-Facilities-Improvement>
The Facility is located in the “AE” Flood zone, which has an annual 1% probability of flooding. Additionally, the project scope includes the installation of a new discharge pipe for treated effluent into an existing Brackish Marsh, which was constructed as part of the McDaniel Slough Restoration Project with the express intent of treating discharged wastewater. The Final Wetland Delineation identified the Outfall area as containing 0.23 acres of freshwater emergent wetland, a portion of which may be permanently impacted by the project (Stillwater Sciences Final Delineation of Waters and Wetlands, August 2020). This wetland area is

subject to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and thus under USACE-jurisdiction as well as State- and LCP-jurisdiction. The Early Notice and Public Review of Proposed Activities in 100-Year Floodplain and Mapped Wetland Area, published July 8, 2020, shared the current available data at the time, which assumed 0.1 acres of wetland in the area of the Brackish Marsh may be affected (Stillwater Sciences Preliminary Delineation of Waters and Wetlands, April 2020). The final 8-Step Analysis and assumptions noted herein reviewed project effects and alternatives using the final calculated wetlands acreage of 0.23 acres.
The City of Arcata has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values:
Locate the Project Outside of the Floodplain and Wetland (Offsite Alternative): The project’s intent is to rehabilitate and improve the existing system, and a full relocation would not fit these parameters. This objective is based on both the logistic and economic and time constrained infeasibility of a full relocation of the facility. Arcata is a small community of less than 20,000 inhabitants, roughly half of which are students; the cost of a full relocation has been estimated at up to \$150 million by the City engineer. There are only a handful of parcels within City limits that could house such a large facility, and the majority of them are already developed. In addition, many of the suitable industrially-zoned parcels in the northern portion of the City are subject to inundation in the case of a catastrophic failure of Matthew’s Dam at Ruth Lake. Suitably large parcels in the southern or eastern portion of Arcata would likely require conversion of prime agricultural lands, and would remain located in the Coastal Zone with similar impacts and permit processes.
No Action Alternative: The project purpose and need would not be met with the No Action alternative. The No Action alternative assumes that no new upgrades to the existing facility would occur. In the absence of these upgrades, the Facility will remain out of compliance with the requirements of the NPDES permit and the quality of treated effluent discharged into Humboldt Bay will not be addressed, which has the potential to result in a variety of negative effects to humans and wildlife. The City’s continued ability to utilize the Treatment Facility relies on undertaking the improvements discussed in this environmental assessment.
Onsite configuration Alternatives (includes Preferred Alternative): Four alternatives augmenting the existing facility treatment system were developed in the prepared Facility Plan (Carollo Engineers, 2017) to address improvements needed for the AWTF. The four alternatives included common improvements, including actions to reduce flood risk, vegetation maintenance, and ultraviolet disinfection, among others. A full list of common improvements can be found in the 8-Step Analysis, which can be viewed at City Hall or online at the link listed at the end of this Notice.
Alternatives were conceived through a collaboration between City staff, LACO Associates, Carollo Engineers, and the community through public discussions in a series of public workshops. The City and consultants (LACO Associates and Carollo Engineers) determined the five criteria that were important for the project and ranked each project. The five criteria were: meets permit requirements; ease of operation and maintenance; constructability; reliability; and ammonia removal.
Alternative 1 was the least expensive alternative, however it received the lowest scores for meeting permit requirements, constructability, reliability and ammonia removal. Alternative 2 provides an additional secondary treatment system that will provide BOD treatment and meet ammonia and nitrogen limits. Alternative 2 is the second most expensive alternative and received low ranking regarding the non-economic criteria. The low ranking was due to Alternative 2 requiring the most project elements. This would increase the difficulty of operating and maintaining the treatment processes and facilities. Alternative 3 constructs an additional secondary treatment system with a larger capacity than Alternative 2 because less treatment will occur in the natural system, Alternative 3 requires less construction and maintenance than Alternative 2. Alternative 3 was the highest scoring alternative for the non-economic criteria. It achieved high rankings in reliability and ammonia removal due to the larger treatment capacity of the oxidation ditches compared to Alternative 2.
Alternative 4 (Preferred Alternative) was developed after the first three alternatives were presented to the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board). The Water Board found that these three alternatives would not achieve the requirements of the permit. Alternatives 1, 2 and 3 did not provide the peak wet weather flow capacity (5.9 mgd) to pass through the Enhancement Wetlands. This is not in compliance with the Enclosed Bays and Estuaries Policy. Alternative 4 allows a peak pumped flow of 5.9 mgd at Outfall-003 to utilize the Enhancement Wetlands for additional treatment and meet the discharge requirements.
It has been determined that the Preferred Alternative would provide improved water treatment for the existing City population, and would address rehabilitation needs of critical city infrastructure. While the Preferred Alternative would change the elevation of the floodplain in the vicinity of the proposed project, it would not change the occupancy of the floodplain and would not have effects on flood velocities upstream or downstream. Once implemented, the improved levee system will be designed to withstand storm surge velocities and wave action for the 100-year-storm event. The Preferred Alternative would therefore minimize the potential effects that could be expected to occur within the floodplain and further mitigation or compliance measures will not be required. While there would be adverse effects to regulated wetlands resulting from construction of the proposed project, the Preferred Alternative would not significantly adversely affect wetland resources in the area and all permanently affect wetlands will be mitigated onsite at a minimum 1:1 ratio, in compliance with state and local wetland protection procedures. Furthermore, the project area is already developed and the treatment facility is pre-existing; implementation of the Preferred Alternative would not encourage further new development within the floodplain or wetlands in the proposed project area.
The City of Arcata has re-evaluated the alternatives to building in the wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Therefore, the City determines that the proposed project complies with EOs 11988 and 11990, and 44 CFR 60.3. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of EO 11988 are available for public review with the Community Development Department, located at Arcata City Hall at 736 F Street, Arcata CA, (707) 822-5955, and may be examined or copied on weekdays between 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM. The documents may also be found at: <https://www.cityofarcata.org/856/Wastewater-Treatment-Facilities-Improvement>

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Pursuant to 24 CFR Part 55, an Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain and Wetland, was published on July 8, 2020. Publication of this notice was followed by a 28 day comment period, in which one public comment was received. The comment was from a partner agency and did not substantively address the proposed use of federal funds to support the construction of the proposed project in a floodplain and / or wetland, but primarily requested further information related to project impacts to fish and wildlife, which will be further analyzed in the project’s Environmental Assessment. These comments will be included as an appendix to the Final Environmental Assessment.
All interested persons, groups and agencies are invited to submit written comments to the Community Development Department of the City of Arcata regarding the proposed use of federal funds to support the construction of the proposed project in a floodplain and / or wetland, at the following email address: comdev@cityofarcata.org or the address listed above. The Community Development Department will consider all comments received by close of business on September 24, 2020.
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Smoke | Surreal Mars-like sky due to particles scattering light

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this week, Garberville residents were warned to prepare for a possible evacuation.

Smoke is also coming from the August Complex Fire, which has burnt nearly a million acres in Mendocino, Trinity, Lake, Tehama and Glenn counties.

The Oak Complex Fire near Brooktrails north of Willits is also adding to the cloud of smoke blanketing Northern California.

Thousands of acres are also on fire in Del Norte County and Oregon.

But why was the sky orange all day on Sept. 9, but then just smoky and a little yellow in the days to follow?

One explanation is that on Sept. 9, a marine layer kept much of the smoke aloft, in a thick layer hovering above.

The San Francisco Bay area experienced similar conditions, which were explained in a press release issued by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

“This morning, smoke is causing skies to look dark or orange across the Bay Area due to particles scat-

tering blue light and only allowing yellow-orange-red light to reach the surface,” states the press release.

Retired HSU geology professor Don Garlick provided a more detailed explanation.

“Regarding the question about our red sky, the answer is Rayleigh scattering whereby the electrons in particles (or molecules) that are smaller than the long wavelength of red light cannot respond to its low frequency. Basically, long-wavelength red light cannot interact with particles much smaller than the wavelength. Scattering then decreases inversely as the 4th power of wavelength. Blue light is more likely to scatter (hence the sky is blue),” stated Garlick in an email to the *Union*.

“I remember playing with silica aerogel (a great thermal insulator) which scatters blue light but transmits red. Actually, the word scattering is misleading. Light is never truly reflected: It excites electrons in a substance and those jiggling electrons emit secondary light. You can prove this by finding that at a certain angle known as Brewster’s angle, reflected light is perfectly

plane-polarized. The vibrating electrons cannot emit light in the direction of their vibration,” Garlick stated.

“Although gases and particles tend to scatter blue light and transmit red, that alone does not explain why sunny skies are blue and smoky skies are red. Thick smoke keeps scattering blue until it is absorbed, while it continues to pass red light. Red eventually dominates all the light that survives. Smoke does contain pigments which simply absorb various colors. So very thick and dense smoke turns ‘day into night,’” Garlick wrote.

The day after the Martian-like conditions, the smoke settled to the surface, creating unhealthy conditions.

In many places throughout Humboldt County, the air was deemed unhealthy or very unhealthy by the North Coast Air Quality Management District. Residents were advised to stay indoors and limit outdoor activities.

The National Weather Service in Eureka was forecasting light sprinkles or drizzle on Tuesday, Sept. 15, with a chance of showers later this week.

Arcata retains key personnel

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – The City Council secured some key assets, human and otherwise, at its Sept. 2 meeting. Items approved without comment as part of the council’s Consent Calendar included:

- Approval of an employment agreement with Finance Director Ondrea N. Starzhevskiy for five years at an initial annual base salary of \$99,557.30 through Sept. 16, 2025. A staff report lists numerous of Starzhevskiy’s accomplishments over the past two years, and states, “Ondrea has built a reputation of being accessible, dedicated and always looking out for ways for the City to reduce expenses and increase revenues while maintaining quality services.”
- Approval of an employment agreement with Chief of Police Brian J. Ahearn for five years at an initial annual base salary of \$119,010.84 through Nov. 6, 2025. Along with a list of accomplishments, a staff report notes “the commitment Chief Ahearn has demonstrated not only to the Police Department but to all City Departments and the community as a whole.”
- Approval of acquisition of a grant-funded Tesla, Inc. battery backup system (valued at \$866,796) for no cost for the Wastewater Treatment Plant through the California Public Utility Commission’s (CPUC). According to a staff report, City staff were approached by Telsa to analyze possible battery storage power supplies for city facilities. The city settled on the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The state will pay Tesla to install the unit. Tesla includes an operation and maintenance package that the state also pays for. The batteries are estimated to save the city about 20 percent a month on the utility bill for the corporation yard, or about \$24,000 annually. The batteries will provide full system backup power during an outage, with or without an onsite generator.

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